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October 13, 2009

Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Broadband Industry Practices, FCC Docket #: 07-52**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a member of the Alabama legislature, and a member of the Government Operations Committee, I understand many of the difficult issues you and your fellow Commissioners must deal with as a result of the of fast paced change in technology and communications. I write on behalf of my constituents to express my concern about the FCC's announcement that you are considering Network Neutrality rules that would have a detrimental impact on wireless networks.

I am sure an overwhelming number of legislators on both sides of the aisle agree with your stated goal of preserving a free and open internet. However, we also need a platform that promotes competition, innovation, and encourages the private sector to invest in the communications infrastructure. Few, if any, would deny that the American wireless market is intensely competitive. According to the FCC's latest statistics, more than 90% of the U.S. population lives in census blocks with at least three competing wireless carriers. I believe innovation has continued to soar because of the competition. The FCC should not impose any policies or regulations that have the unintended consequences of discouraging private sector investment.

During this year's session of the legislature I was a co-sponsor of SB 373 which recognized more and more citizens are substituting their wire line phones with a wireless device. The bill dramatically reduced regulations and encouraged investment into Alabama's communication infrastructure, which will help create and maintain technology oriented jobs.



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I urge you not to adopt Net Neutrality or other government regulations on wireless technology that will hamper our ability to spread broadband throughout the state.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Hill